REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment and remarks which follow are responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 29, 2006 in relation to the above-identified patent application. In that Restriction Requirement, the Examiner requested restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of two purportedly patentably distinct species of the present invention, and in particular embodiment I corresponding to Claims 1-10 and embodiment II corresponding to Claims 11-20. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner indicated that Claim 10 is generic. Applicant believes that this characterization is in error since Claim 10 is dependent on Claim 1, and that the Examiner's intention was to identify independent Claim 11 as being generic.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, embodiment II corresponding to Claims 11-20 for initial prosecution on the merits. Consistent with this election, by this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 in a manner believed to place the same within the scope of Applicant's election. Additionally, Claims 2, 3 and 6-9 have also been amended so as to make the language thereof consistent to that of the amended version of underlying independent Claim 1. Claim 10, which is dependent on Claim 1 as well, has been amended and withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species of the present invention. Due to Claim 1 as amended now being generic, Applicant will seek the rejoinder of Claim 10 upon any indication of the allowance of Claim 1.
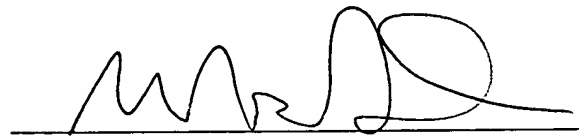
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